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DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP

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Sir:

We the undersigned, declare as follows:

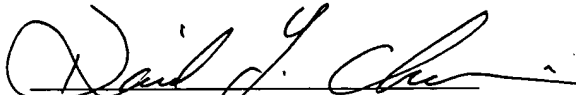
1. We are the true, named joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified United States Patent Application.
2. We are also the true, named joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in PCT Publication No. WO 01/096870. Laura Tandeske, Carlos George-Nascimento, Doris Coit and Angelica Medina-Selby are also true, named joint inventors in the PCT application. However, the inventors named on the '870 application that are not named in the present application did not conceive of the idea of using the MEFAs and NS3/4a antigens described in the '870 PCT publication in the double antigen bridge assay claimed in the present application.

3. We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 11/12/04


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Date: Nov. 12. 2004


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